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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 3057

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR EG US

SUBJECT: MENA REPORTS OF ATTACKS BY US AIRCRAFT ON  
EGYPTIAN TARGETS

1. AT 2125 GMT OCTOBER 11 MENA CARRIED REPORT THAT,  
ACCORDING TO WESTERN DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN CAIRO, US AIR-  
CRAFT FROM AIRCRAFT CARRIER WERE ATTACKING EGYPTIAN POSITIONS.  
AT 2207 GMT REPORT WAS KILLED.

2. DE BORCHGRAVE HAS TOLD US THAT HE CALLED GHORBAL  
MINUTES AFTER REPORT APPEARED. HE BELIEVES THAT HIS  
INTERVENTION HELPED KILL STORY. WE THINK THIS POSSIBLE.  
HE ALSO SPECULATES THAT WE HAVE SEEN BREAKDOWN, HOWEVER,  
BRIEF, IN GOE'S THUS FAR COORDINATED INFORMATION POLICY,  
REFLECTING DIFFERENCES OF VIEW AT HIGH LEVEL AS TO WHETHER  
TO WITHHOLD CRITICISM OF US OR TO ATTACK. WE HAVE NO  
OTHER INFORMATION (#) BELIEVE THIS ONE  
OF SEVERAL CREDIBLE EXPLANATION (#)  
HOSTILE ATTENTION ON (#)  
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ON US RESUPPLY OF ISRAEL WITH

ROCKETS AND BOMBS, AND FROM TEL AVIV MILITARY SOURCES THAT 48 PHANTOMS HAVE ARRIVED IN ISRAEL WITHIN LAST 24 HOURS. AKHBAR HAS SIMILAR STORY.

4. EDITORIALS IN PRESS HAVE ALSO TARGETED US. HEYKAL CRITICIZES US FOR DIPLOMATIC POSITION, WHILE AKHBAR FOCUSES ON ARMS SUPPLY TO ISRAEL. LATTER PAPER STATES THAT US WILL "PAY THE PRICE" FOR ITS MILITARY AID TO ISRAEL.

5. PERHAPS AS IMPORTANT, OCTOBER 12 PRESS CARRIES FIRST STORY OF EGYPTIAN CIVILIANS CASUALTIES. AHRAM STATES IN FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE THAT ABOUT 85 CIVILIANS WERE KILLED AND 65 WOUNDED DURING RAID YESTERDAY BY TWO ISRAELI AIRCRAFT ATTEMPTING TO ATTACK EGYPTIAN AIR BASES NEAR BENHA.

6. USINTOFF LOCALS INFORM US THAT LEVEL OF ANTI-US FEELING AMONG EGYPTIAN POPULACE IS RISING.

7. WE ARE SEEKING APPOINTMENT WITH SAAD KHALIL OF MFA'S NORTH AMERICAN DESK TODAY. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER APPROACH TO ZAYYAT.

SMITH

NOTE BY OC/T: OMISSION, CORRECTION TO FOLLOW.

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